



I. Requirements for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator

Missouri Revised Statute 320.106 defines a “Licensed Operator” as “any person who supervises, manages, or directs the discharge of outdoor display fireworks, either by manual or electrical means; who has met additional requirements established by promulgated rule and has successfully completed a display fireworks training course recognized and approved by the state fire marshal.”

A “Pyrotechnic Operator” or “Special Effects Operator” is defined as “an individual who has responsibility for pyrotechnic safety and who controls, initiates, or otherwise creates special effects for proximate fireworks and who has met additional requirements established by promulgated rules and has successfully completed a proximate fireworks training course recognized and approved by the state fire marshal.”

Individuals seeking to be a Licensed Operator and/or Pyrotechnic Operator shall meet following criteria:

1. Submit a completed "Application for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator License";
2. Applicant must be at least 21 years of age;
3. Have successfully completed a display and/or proximate training course approved by the State Fire Marshal;
4. Successfully pass a test administered by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety;
5. Provide documentation affirming active participation in the performance of at least three (3) display or proximate fireworks shows within the past (24) months;
If applying for both a licensed operator (outdoor) and pyrotechnic operator license (indoor and/or outdoor) documentation of six(6) displays (3 outdoor and 3 indoor) are required;
6. Applicant shall not have pleaded guilty to a felony or been convicted of a felony.
7. Copy of U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives permit/license verifying compliance with applicable federal laws relating to possession, sales, storage or use of display and/or proximate fireworks if applicable.
8. Copy of a valid state driver's license or state ID card;
9. Provide two passport type photographs;
10. A check, money order, or bank draft in the amount of \$100 (U.S.) payable to the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.



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II. Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator by Equivalency

Equivalency may be granted to an individual certified and/or licensed by another state upon proof of such licensing/certification. This equivalency relieves an individual from the requirement of successful completion of a display/proximate training course approved by the State Fire Marshal. However, the individual would still be required to successfully pass the Missouri examination.

An individual applying for licensing as a Licensed Operator and/or Pyrotechnic Operator must meet the following criteria:

1. Submit a completed "Application for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator License."
2. Applicant must be at least 21 years of age;
3. Provide a copy of a current license/certificate from another state;
4. Must successfully pass a test administered by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety;
5. Provide documentation affirming active participation in the performance of at least three(3) display or proximate fireworks shows within the past (24) months. If applying for both a licensed operator (outdoor) and pyrotechnic operator license (indoor and/or outdoor) documentation of six (6) displays (3 outdoor and 3 indoor) are required;
6. Applicant shall not have pleaded guilty or been convicted of a felony;
7. If applicable, provide a copy of U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives permit/license verifying compliance with applicable federal laws relating to possession, sales, storage or use of display and/or proximate fireworks;
8. Copy of a valid state driver's license or state ID card;
9. Provide two passport type photographs;
10. A check, money order, or bank draft in the amount of \$100 (U.S.) payable to the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.



III. Renewal Requirements for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator

Missouri regulations require the Licensed Operators and Pyrotechnic Operators to renew their license every three(3) years with the Division of Fire Safety.

License for a Licensed Operator and/or Pyrotechnic Operator will be issued to those individuals who have met the following criteria:

1. Submit a completed "Application for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator License";
2. Provide proof/documentation of having attended a minimum of (12) hours of approved continuing education within the past three (3) years relating to pyrotechnics;
3. Provide proof/documentation of actively participating in at least three(3) fireworks displays and/or three (3) proximate fireworks displays in the past three (3) years;
4. Applicant shall not have pleaded guilty or been convicted of a felony;
5. If applicable, copy of U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives permit/license verifying compliance with applicable federal laws relating to possession, sales, storage or use of display and/or proximate fireworks;
6. Copy of a valid state driver's license or state ID card;
7. Provide two (2) passport type photographs;
8. A check, money order, or bank draft in the amount of \$100 (U.S.) payable to the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.



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IV. Testing for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator

Individuals applying to test as a Licensed Operator and/or Pyrotechnic Operator must submit the "Application for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator Examination" to be eligible to take the examination. Applications must be received by the Division of Fire Safety (20) business days prior to the scheduled exam date. Preregistration is required for any examination.

Scheduled examinations are held at the Missouri Division of Fire Safety Headquarters at 2401 East McCarty St., Jefferson City, Mo. Exam schedules are posted on the Division of Fire Safety website, www.mdfs.state.mo.us, or can be obtained by contacting the Division at (573)751-2930.

The examination for Licensed Operators consists of (50) multiple choice questions referenced to the current edition of NFPA 1123, *Code for Fireworks Display and Missouri Revised Statute 320.106 through 320.161*. Participants have two(2) hours in which to complete the exam. Participants are allowed to use the applicable copy of NFPA 1123 during the exam, however, they must furnish their own copy of the publication. **The Division will not furnish copies of NFPA 1123 during the exam.**

The examination for Pyrotechnic Operators consists of (50) multiple choice questions referenced to the current edition of NFPA 1126, *Standard for the Use of Pyrotechnics before a Proximate Audience and Missouri Revised Statute 320.106 through 320.161*. Participants have two(2) hours in which to complete the exam. Participants are allowed to use a copy of the applicable edition of NFPA 1126 during the exam, however, they must furnish their own copy of the publication. **The Division will not furnish copies of NFPA 1126 during the exam.**

Individuals must achieve a score of 70% to pass the examination. The Division of Fire Safety will score all exams and applicants will be notified by letter accordingly within (30) days of the exam. Notification will indicate only pass/fail status.

An applicant failing the exam must wait (30) days before retesting. Any person failing an exam a second time must wait (90) days before retesting. A retest may be scheduled by contacting the Division of Fire Safety at 573-751-2930.

Should an applicant fail the exam a second time, he or she must retake an approved training course before being allowing to retest for the same license.

If an applicant has neither tested nor taken a retest within one(1) year of course completion, his or her testing records will be deemed inactive and the entire course must be taken again to be eligible to test.

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Requirements for Examination Eligibility

Only those individuals who have met the following criteria and provided the required documentation will be permitted to take the examination(s) for Licensed Operator and/or Pyrotechnic Operator:

1. Submit a completed "Application for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator Examination";
2. Applicant must be at least 21 years of age;
3. Have successfully completed a display and/or proximate fireworks training course approved by the Division of Fire Safety;
4. Applicant shall not have pleaded guilty or been convicted of a felony;
5. If applicable, copy of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives permit/license verifying compliance with applicable federal laws relating to possession, sales, storage or use of display and/or proximate fireworks;
6. Copy of a valid state driver's license or state ID card.



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V. Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator Course Approval

The Missouri Division of Fire Safety serves as the sole approval agency for Licensed Operator/Pyrotechnic Operator training courses acceptable for Missouri licensing.

Individuals or companies seeking approval for training courses must submit a "Request for Fireworks Course Approval" to the Division of Fire Safety with the required documentation before any course will be approved.

The Division shall conduct a review of course materials before granting approval and notify the submitting individual or company of the results of that review.

A list of approved training courses will be available on the Division of Fire Safety website www.mdfs.state.mo.us or can be obtained by contacting the Division at (573)751-2930.

Requirements of Course Approval

Courses meeting the following criteria will be reviewed and the results will be sent to the submitting individual(s) or company:

1. Completed "Request for Fireworks Course Approval" application;
2. Copy of Instructor's Guide;
3. Copy of Instructor's Qualifications;
4. Copy of Student Guide and/or handout materials.

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSED OPERATOR/PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR LICENSE

*This entire application must be completed and submitted with the required documentation.
Incomplete applications will be rejected.*

☐ License (New)

☐ License by Equivalency

☐ Renewal

License Applying for:

☐ Licensed Operator (Outdoor) NFPA 1123

☐ Pyrotechnic Operator (Special Effects/Proximate) NFPA 1126

Name: _____ *Date of Birth:* _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Phone number: _____ *Alternate Phone:* _____

Driver's License Number and State of Issue: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Phone number: _____ *Alternate Phone:* _____

Have you ever pleaded guilty to a felony or been convicted of a felony? *Yes* *No*

I hereby certify that I have received with this application a copy of the fireworks laws and regulations for the state of Missouri and that I have read and understand said laws and regulations. I further certify that I have examined this application and documents submitted in support thereof and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____



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LICENSED OPERATOR/PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR LICENSE VERIFICATION OF EXPERIENCE

Missouri regulations requires an operator to participate in at least three(3) fireworks displays verified by a Missouri licensed shooter or the event sponsor, within (24) months prior to licensing - one of which must be within the last year. If applying for both, indoor and outdoor, documentation of (6) displays (3 outdoor and 3 indoor) are required.

<i>Date of Display:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outdoor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Indoor</i>
<i>Display Location (City/State):</i> _____
<i>Print Name of Licensed Operator or Event Sponsor:</i> _____
<i>Operator/Sponsor Signature:</i> _____ <i>License #:</i> _____

<i>Date of Display:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outdoor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Indoor</i>
<i>Display Location (City/State):</i> _____
<i>Print Name of Licensed Operator or Event Sponsor:</i> _____
<i>Operator/Sponsor Signature:</i> _____ <i>License #:</i> _____

<i>Date of Display:</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outdoor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Indoor</i>
<i>Display Location (City/State):</i> _____
<i>Print Name of Licensed Operator or Event Sponsor:</i> _____
<i>Operator/Sponsor Signature:</i> _____ <i>License #:</i> _____

For Division of Fire Safety Use Only:

ID Picture Received: ☐ *Yes* ☐ *No*

Test Date: _____ ☐ *Passed* ☐ *Failed*

Signature of reviewer: _____ *Review date:* _____

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSED OPERATOR PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR EXAMINATION

*This entire application must be completed and submitted with the required documentation.
Incomplete applications will be rejected.*

Examination Applying for: ☐ Licensed Operator (Outdoor)

☐ Pyrotechnic Operator (Special Effects Proximate)

Test Date Requested: _____ Alternative Date: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Driver's License Number and State of Issue: _____

Pyrotechnic Training Course(s) Attended: _____

Course Instructor: _____

Course Location: _____ Date: _____

(Attach Course Certificate or Documentation of Attendance)

By my signature below, I verify that the information provided on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Division of Fire Safety Use Only:

Test Date: _____

Approved Course Completion: _____

Notification by: _____ Date: _____



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REQUEST FOR FIREWORKS COURSE APPROVAL

*This entire application must be completed and submitted with the required documentation.
Incomplete applications will be rejected.*

Course Approval Requested for: ☐ Display - Outdoor
☐ Special Effects/Proximate

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Include the following:

- ☐ Copy of Instructor's Guide ☐ Copy of Student Guide/handout materials
☐ Instructor's Qualifications

By my signature below, I verify that the information provided on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Division of Fire Safety Use Only:

Course Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____